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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]

Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 12:26 PM

To: govsp@alaska.gov

Subject: email test

test

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From: Meghan Stapleton [meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 11:07 AM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Cc: 'Todd Palin'
Subject: RE: BAC Stuff

I was trying to gauge when Steve O'Brien (Channel 11) left. Seemed to be between 12:30 / 35 and 12:50pm (when we left). He was there a bit, but was definitely gone by the time we got out of there.

Meghan N. Stapleton

Communications Director

Office of Governor Sarah Palin

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-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 10:54 AM

To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Michael A Tibbles; Meghan N Stapleton

Cc: Todd Palin

Subject: Re: BAC Stuff

Then that employee was not truthful in stating VT was in the parking lot. Saw the reporter, chose to not enter facility? Unless the reporter was hanging around a long time...

-----Original Message-----

From: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 18 Jun 2007 10:07:06

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)"

<mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,Todd Palin <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>,Meghan N Stapleton

<meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us>

Subject: RE: BAC Stuff

Mark isn't sure of the exact time but he thinks it was close to 1pm.

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 10:00 AM

To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Todd Palin;

Meghan N Stapleton

Subject: Re: BAC Stuff

So what time did he leave? Did it get over?

-----Original Message-----

From: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 18 Jun 2007 09:39:28

To:"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,

gov.sarah@yahoo.com,"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)"

<mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,Todd Palin <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>,Meghan N

Stapleton <meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us>

Subject: RE: BAC Stuff

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-----Original Message-----

From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 7:45 AM

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Todd Palin; Meghan N Stapleton

Subject: RE: BAC Stuff

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-----Original Message-----

From: "gov.sarah@yahoo.com" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>; "Michael A Tibbles" <mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us>; "Todd Palin" <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>; "Meghan N Stapleton" <meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us>

Sent: 6/18/07 6:34 AM

Subject: Re: BAC Stuff

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Date: Sun, 17 Jun 2007 23:13:56

To:"Balash, Joseph R (GOV)" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>,"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: RE: BAC Stuff

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From: Balash, Joseph R (GOV)

Sent: Sun 6/17/2007 10:45 PM

To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV);

'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'

Subject: Fw: BAC Stuff

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----- Original Message -----

From: Douglas Warner <douglas_warner@dnr.state.ak.us>

To: Balash, Joseph R (GOV)

Cc: Tom E Irwin; Lefebvre, Richard A (DNR); Warner, Douglas R (DNR)

Sent: Sun Jun 17 22:43:26 2007

Subject: Re: BAC Stuff

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Balash, Joseph R (GOV) wrote:

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Thanks.

Joe

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]

Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 12:27 PM

To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)

Subject: RE: this is a test

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 12:27 PM
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Subject: this is a test

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From: Frye, Ivy J (GOV) [ivy.frye@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 10:29 AM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Bac

Is everything going okay up there? Anything I can do from here? I heard there's some resistance. Bac members ALL serve at your pleasure. Sorry I'm not there!!!

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 9:56 AM
To: chckheath; Frank Bailey; Franci Havemeister; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Todd Palin; Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Rutherford; Martha K (DNR); Stapleton; Meghan N (GOV)
Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Bitney; John W (GOV)
Subject: Fw: mat maid.

Just head's up - here's an example of the misperceptions that may be out there - this fellow believes our efforts are all for only four or five dairy farmers? Important we get a more accurate msg out there.

-----Original Message-----

From: "Balash, Joseph R (GOV)" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 18 Jun 2007 09:39:30

To:Red Secoy <redsecoy@gmail.com>

Cc:Meghan Stapleton <meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us>

Subject: RE: mat maid.

Red,

Sorry I haven't gotten much communication back to you, but things have been hopping around here and I didn't want to go through a bunch of what-ifs; I thought it best to utilize your input as a "clean" indication of what folks out there are seeing/hearing. Nevertheless, we are ready to start talking about the plans the Governor has for the BAC and Mat Maid.

First, I can tell you first hand the Governor does not look for (or appreciate) yes men. With new appointments today, she will be looking for people she trusts to go in and take a hard look and make a sound decision about the short-term horizon. Unfortunately, the message(s) we were getting from Mat Maid management and some members of the board were inconsistent—which leads to suspicion in the ag community and puts cracks in the confidence the Governor can have in the message itself. Also, the sudden change in direction by Mat Maid (shutting down in July versus the end of the year) has unfairly put the dairy farmers in the position of having the rug pulled out from under them without time to plan for a total shutdown if that is the necessary result. Bottom line, she needs a frank assessment pretty quick from folks she has confidence in.

Second, this is not just about 5 dairy farms. There are more than 100 jobs at Mat Maid—everything from the truckers who pickup and deliver products to support staff in the corporate offices. Also, the dairy farms are the market for farms that grow feed and hay. And if the dairies stop providing a regular supply of cattle to the slaughterhouse, it could shut down, too. Then the pig farmers wouldn't have anywhere to take their animals. The ripple affect will be felt all over the agricultural industry.

Finally, there is going to be a look at whatever long-term solutions there might be. The Governor needs to know what the range of long-term solutions might look like. If the only way to continue a dairy production industry in Alaska is with long-term subsidies from the State, we need to know that. I can tell you the Governor wants a private sector solution here. But if Mat Maid closes without time for the private sector to respond and fill the market gap, we could lose the dairy industry and it is unlikely those dairies (or new ones) will come back.

Joe

From: Red Secoy [mailto:redsecoy@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 12:01 AM

To: Balash, Joseph R (GOV)

Cc: Meghan N Stapleton

Subject: mat maid.

Joe,

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Red Secoy

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Have a GREAT DAY,

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From: Meghan Stapleton [meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 9:47 AM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); 'Todd Palin'; Tom E Irwin; Martha K Rutherford; Bitney; John W (GOV); Sharon W Leighow; Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Talis J Colberg; Joseph D Schmidt
Subject: RE: Oh baby!

Phew. Glad you liked - and appreciate the feedback.

Meghan N. Stapleton

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-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, June 17, 2007 10:15 PM

To: Meghan N Stapleton

Cc: Kristina Y Perry; Todd Palin; Tom Irwin; Martha K Rutherford; John W Bitney; Sharon W Leighow; Joseph R Balash; Talis J Colberg; Joseph D Schmidt

Subject: Oh baby!

C'mon Meg - you have to promise me you'll do the talkin' for me much more often!!! Awesome job on KTUU tonight! You made a tremendous amount of sense, explaining the structure of ag, hence the changing of the guard.

Thank you very much!

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 9:29 AM
To: Joseph D Schmidt
Subject: Re: mat maid.

Whoooops! I'll have Joe Balash respond to Red.

Three Joeys around here - makes me feel like we're in an Australian zoo.

-----Original Message-----

From: Joseph Schmidt <joseph_schmidt@correct.state.ak.us>

Date: Mon, 18 Jun 2007 09:11:37

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: RE: mat maid.

Hello Boss,

Is this message intended for Joe Balash, Austerman, or Schmidt? Two Joey's and a Joe....If it's me, great and I'd be happy to meet with Red. Our message at the farmers rally Friday is what he needs to hear.

Thanx

Joe (Schmidt)

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 7:52 AM

To: Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Meghan N Stapleton

Subject: Re: mat maid.

Joe - you'll explain all this to Red - or should I?

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

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Subject: Re: mat maid.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Balash, Joseph R (GOV)" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 18 Jun 2007 06:52:04

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)"

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From: Red Secoy <redsecoy@gmail.com>

To: Balash, Joseph R (GOV)

Cc: Meghan N Stapleton

Sent: Mon Jun 18 00:00:45 2007

Subject: mat maid.

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Red Secoy

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Have a GREAT DAY,

Red Secoy

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From: Meghan Stapleton [meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 9:09 AM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; 'Talis Colberg'
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); 'Todd Palin'
Subject: RE: Fw: mat maid.

It is fascinating to watch the messaging. We have used the messages below - and they have been reported. I think the mixing of the messages perhaps comes from talk radio and others who think they know what the Governor wants (Mat Maid / Creamery Corp / BAC). We will continue to emphasize and just stick with the same message to reiterate our intent.

Thank you!

Meghan N. Stapleton

Communications Director

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-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 8:26 AM

To: Talis Colberg; Meghan N Stapleton

Cc: Kristina Y Perry; Michael A Tibbles; Joseph R Balash; Todd Palin

Subject: Re: Fw: mat maid.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Talis Colberg" <Talis.Colberg@law.state.ak.us>

Date: Mon, 18 Jun 2007 07:55:05

To:<gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: Re: Fw: mat maid.

Dear Governor Palin,

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Talis

>>> <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> 06/18 7:20 AM >>>

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To: Balash, Joseph R (GOV)

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Sent: Mon Jun 18 00:00:45 2007

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Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 8:23 AM
To: Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re:

Appreciate his suggested names - think we got it covered.

-----Original Message-----

From: "Balash, Joseph R (GOV)" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 18 Jun 2007 07:47:16

To:"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Fw:

Here's what speaker Harris is hearing in the office.

----- Original Message -----

From: Peter Fellman <Peter_Fellman@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Bitney, John W (GOV); Tom E Irwin; Martha K Rutherford; Saddler, Daniel R (DNR)

Sent: Mon Jun 18 07:39:34 2007

Subject:

Just sending a copy of the opinion piece I did for the Newsminer, It was printed in the Sunday paper June 17th

Some suggested names for the BAC.

Don Brainerd, Ex Chair of BAC, Palmer, started Mat Maid investigation by BAC

Bob Franklin, Ex Chair of BAC, North Pole, Farm Bureau

Rex Wrigley, Soil and Water Conservation, barley farmer

Rob Wells, Ex director of Agriculture

Wayne Brost, Dairy farmer

Unknown

From: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV) [mike.tibbles@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 7:55 AM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Whitehorse

I have conveyed the same thoughts to not only the Premier's old Chief of Staff but his new one as well. We are definitely attending to accept and release the work that has been done to date. We have made no commitments going forward but I am sure we will be asked during the press availability.

I sent a number of questions to the Premier's office regarding the format for the press event. I will follow up to get additional information.

Mike

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 7:37 AM

To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Meghan N Stapleton

Cc: Kelly, Russell T (GOV)

Subject: Whitehorse

Mike- want to make sure tomorrow's press conf in Canada is in NO WAY a set up to make it look like I support the Premier's plan for his railroad. I support public disclosure of the plan's findings but can not comment in any way whether this is good for AK.

My understanding is he's hurting in some polls(?), he needs a few wins here, and he's been waiting for this "big" announcement on his railroad plan. We don't want to embarass him, so his folks have got to know they can't look to me to endorse a plan that we have not even studied.

I'd really like to see his talking points before cameras roll with me standing by his side to announce his plans. I know Murkowski was a fan of his rail expansion, hopefully they don't assume this admin looks favorably on a transportation plan that isn't bright on our radar screen.

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I think it best if I do. The answer will be off to him just as soon as I'm done with my 800 appt.

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To: Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Meghan N Stapleton

Sent: Mon Jun 18 07:51:48 2007

Subject: Re: mat maid.

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Red Secoy

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Have a GREAT DAY,

Red Secoy

Unknown

From: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV) [mike.tibbles@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 7:52 AM
To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Cc: Todd Palin
Subject: RE: Fairbanks

I just spoke with Tom here at the office. Since the kids are going to the family events, we are making arrangements for the KingAir. Tom is also making calls this morning for lodging.

Kris, let's go over Melissa's draft schedule today and give her a call a little later. Also, the Governor indicated that Bernie would like her to visit Chena Hot Springs on her next trip so let's talk about that as well. Thanks.

Mike

-----Original Message-----

From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 7:48 AM

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Cayce, Sunny C (GOV); Spencer, Kari L (GOV)

Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Todd Palin

Subject: RE: Fairbanks

I can ck w/gary this morning.

-----Original Message-----

From: "gov.sarah@yahoo.com" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: "Sunny Cayce" <sunny_cayce@gov.state.ak.us>; "Kari L Spencer" <kari_spencer@gov.state.ak.us>

Cc: "Michael A Tibbles" <mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us>; "Kristina Y Perry" <kris_perry@gov.state.ak.us>; "Todd Palin" <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>

Sent: 6/18/07 7:42 AM

Subject: Fairbanks

Haven't heard on accomodations for fairbanks this wk - I can make arrangements if we haven't done this yet - I had sent an earlier email stating I'll talk to whomever is making the arrangements. Anyone know what's up with this week's trip?

Unknown

From: Spencer, Kari L (GOV) [kari.spencer@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 11:40 AM
To: Katz; John W (GOV); gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: RE: Mid-East Trip/Next Chapter
Importance: High

Any chance the Governor can be back in Alaska on the morning of July 28?

From: John Katz [mailto:jwkatz@ALASKADC.org]
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 11:20 AM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Cc: Spencer, Kari L (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: Mid-East Trip/Next Chapter

Thanks. I'll advise DoD.

Please note that my email address has changed. My new email address is jwkatz@alaskadc.org. Thank you .

>>> On 6/18/2007 at 3:13 PM, in message <52658825-1182194039-cardhu_decombobulator_blackberry.rim.net-1751613428-@bxe106.bisx.prod.on.blackberry>, <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> wrote:

> I'd rather lv NGA early and still go to see our troops july 23
> -----Original Message-----
> From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>
>
> Date: Mon, 18 Jun 2007 15:08:21
> To:"Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
> Cc:"Kari Spencer" <kari_spencer@gov.state.ak.us>,"Michael Tibbles" <michael_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us>
> Subject: Mid-East Trip/Next Chapter
>
> Because of the number of scheduled visits to Kuwait, the Department of Defense would like to postpone your Mid-East trip from July 16 to July 23rd.
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> NGA's summer meeting begins on July 20th and ends on July 23rd. I mentioned that these dates might conflict with the rescheduled trip. DoD responded that you could begin the trip on July 24th rather than the 23rd.

However, since Friday is the Sabath in Kuwait and Iraq, nothing much happens that day, according to DoD. Therefore, a sequence which usually takes five days would be compressed into four.

With all of this in mind, I ask for your guidance on what you would prefer. Would you want to leave NGA early, assuming you are going? In the alternative, would you prefer to start on July 24th or to postpone the trip all together for a while? I believe that DoD will not schedule additional gubernatorial trips after mid July until the fall because of summer heat in Kuwait and Iraq.

P.S.
I'm sorry that I wasn't able to participate in more of the Cabinet meeting on Friday. I hope my comments made some sense notwithstanding static and echoes. If you get the chance some time, perhaps we could do a teleconference with the Chief of Staff to catch up on federal issues that might be of interest.

Please note that my email address has changed. My new emai l address is <mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org> jwkatz@alaskadc.org. Thank you .

Unknown

From: Balash, Joseph R (GOV) [joe.balash@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 10:47 AM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Meghan N Stapleton
Subject: FW: mat maid.

And he's back...

From: Red Secoy [mailto:redsecoy@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 10:38 AM
To: Balash, Joseph R (GOV)
Subject: Re: mat maid.

Joe,
Thank you for getting back to me. I too think that a sudden closure is unrealistic to dairy community. I would think that a least by end of this year would give farmers time to disperse herds.. I am fully aware of ripple effect. I was involved with Mat Maid when the State had to foreclose on the first round of failed dairy's at Point Mac.
The slaughter house is just another state operated money losing operation. It doesn't make sense to prop up one failing enterprise by propping up another failing enterprise. The State of Alaska has been involved in these money losing operations now for over a quarter of a century. I we going to go for a half century?
Red Secoy

On 6/18/07, **Balash, Joseph R (GOV)** <joe.balash@alaska.gov> wrote:

Red,

Sorry I haven't gotten much communication back to you, but things have been hopping around here and I didn't want to go through a bunch of what-ifs; I thought it best to utilize your input as a "clean" indication of what folks out there are seeing/hearing. Nevertheless, we are ready to start talking about the plans the Governor has for the BAC and Mat Maid.

First, I can tell you first hand the Governor does not look for (or appreciate) yes men. With new appointments today, she will be looking for people she trusts to go in and take a hard look and make a sound decision about the short-term horizon. Unfortunately, the message(s) we were getting from Mat Maid management and some members of the board were inconsistent—which leads to suspicion in the ag community and puts cracks in the confidence the Governor can have in the message itself. Also, the sudden change in direction by Mat Maid (shutting down in July versus the end of the year) has unfairly put the dairy farmers in the position of having the rug pulled out from under them without time to plan for a total shutdown if that is the necessary result. Bottom line, she needs a frank assessment pretty quick from folks she has confidence in.

Second, this is not just about 5 dairy farms. There are more than 100 jobs at Mat Maid—everything from the truckers who pickup and deliver products to support staff in the corporate offices. Also, the dairy

farms are the market for farms that grow feed and hay. And if the dairies stop providing a regular supply of cattle to the slaughterhouse, it could shut down, too. Then the pig farmers wouldn't have anywhere to take their animals. The ripple affect will be felt all over the agricultural industry.

Finally, there is going to be a look at whatever long-term solutions there might be. The Governor needs to know what the range of long-term solutions might look like. If the only way to continue a dairy production industry in Alaska is with long-term subsidies from the State, we need to know that. I can tell you the Governor wants a private sector solution here. But if Mat Maid closes without time for the private sector to respond and fill the market gap, we could lose the dairy industry and it is unlikely those dairies (or new ones) will come back.

Joe

From: Red Secoy [mailto:redsecoy@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 12 :01 AM
To: Balash, Joseph R (GOV)
Cc: Meghan N Stapleton
Subject: mat maid.

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From: Spencer, Kari L (GOV) [kari.spencer@alaska.gov]

Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 2:04 PM

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Blackberry

Importance: High

Karen found your Yahoo inbox but needs your Blackberry here to restore. Can Karen meet you at the Mansion tonight to grab your Blackberry and fix it before you leave in the morning? Say, 5:30pm or so?

Kari Spencer
Governor's Scheduler
907-465-3986 phone; 907-465-3889 fax

Unknown

From: Tom Irwin [tom_irwin@dnr.state.ak.us]
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 11:33 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: RE: Franci

I thought Franci did a good job in the dairy farmers meeting today and the rally was great.

Mike in your work with the new board I need at least two or more good names to interview for Ag director. I hope Franci is on the list. It would sure help me if this could be an item for tomorrow's new board meeting. Thanks Tom

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

To: "Tom Irwin" <tom_irwin@dnr.state.ak.us>

Sent: 6/15/07 11:14 AM

Subject: Franci

See the energy Franci provides?! She'd be so good on the team - get her a great deputy and staff around her and her leadership as Ag Director will be awesome.

Unknown

From: Balash, Joseph R (GOV) [joe.balash@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 9:59 PM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Re: MM replacements

Yes. She made the calls on Friday evening.

----- Original Message -----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)

To: Balash, Joseph R (GOV)

Sent: Mon Jun 18 21:36:14 2007

Subject: Re: MM replacements

Maybe Ivy had made the call of dismissal?

----- Original Message -----

From: Balash, Joseph R (GOV)

To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored); Frye, Ivy J (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Meghan N Stapleton

Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)

Sent: Mon Jun 18 21:15:30 2007

Subject: RE: MM replacements

Governor,

He called the office today right before I headed over to the Mansion for the lunch. I just came across the note with his number on it and the message as I was gathering up things in my office for tomorrow's meeting. He wanted to know why he was let go.

I will call him tomorrow.

Joe

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)

Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 9:13 PM

To: Frye, Ivy J (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Meghan N Stapleton

Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)

Subject: MM replacements

I assume Mr Willard is a former BAC member? He was on the news tonight, saying I shocked him when I made an abrupt call to him to dismiss him this weekend. Hmmmmm. I've never spoken to him - whomever called him - what was his reaction to the explanation I'm sure he was given when explaining the bd was to be replaced?

Unknown

From: S R Parnell [sr_parnell@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 9:17 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Subject: Fwd: Representative Don Young's 2007 Financial Disclosure Statement

fyi--we released Rep. Don Young's financial disclosures today after

Law determined them to be public records.

Unknown

From: Balash, Joseph R (GOV) [joe.balash@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 9:16 PM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored); Frye; Ivy J (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Meghan N Stapleton
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: RE: MM replacements

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From: govpalin@alaska.gov
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 6:00 PM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored); Governor Sarah Palin
Subject: Re: Bb test

Test

------Original Message------

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)

To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)

Sent: Jun 18, 2007 5:43 PM

Subject: Bb test

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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Unknown

From: Spencer, Kari L (GOV) [kari.spencer@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 1:53 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Change Point Church

Importance: High

2:15pm at the Sportsdome with Mayor Begich, tomorrow, Tuesday, June 19, he said you know what. He'll send the language for a press release in the morning for your review to me, I'll forward it to you.

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 1:43 PM

To: Spencer, Kari L (GOV)

Subject: Re: Change Point Church

What when where

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Spencer, Kari L (GOV)" <kari.spencer@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 18 Jun 2007 13:38:39

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Change Point Church

Karl Clausen called and wanted to know if you were still "on" for the press event tomorrow in Anchorage (he said you agreed to do this).

Kari Spencer

Governor's Scheduler

907-465-3986 phone; 907-465-3889 fax

Unknown

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 1:51 PM
To: Spencer, Kari L (GOV)

Can't find my last two wks of messages...

Unknown

From: Frye, Ivy J (GOV) [ivy.frye@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 1:41 PM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: Minnick

I did this. His term begins 7-1-07

----- Original Message -----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)

To: Frye, Ivy J (GOV)

Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)

Sent: Mon Jun 18 13:39:44 2007

Subject: Fw: Minnick

----- Original Message -----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)

To: Frye, Ivy J (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Sent: Wed Jun 06 09:41:34 2007

Subject: Minnick

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Just saw Paul at SuValley hs fire site.

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 1:40 PM
To: Frye; Ivy J (GOV)
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Fw: Minnick

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Subject: Fw: Minnick

Sent this june 6, did it arrive?

----- Original Message -----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)

To: Frye, Ivy J (GOV)

Sent: Wed Jun 06 10:51:11 2007

Subject: Re: Minnick

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ivy Frye <ivy_frye@gov.state.ak.us>

Date: Wed, 06 Jun 2007 10:33:19

To:govpalin@gov.state.ak.us, 'Kristina Y Perry' <kris_perry@gov.state.ak.us>

Subject: RE: Minnick

Okay.

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-----Original Message-----

From: govpalin@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:govpalin@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2007 9:42 AM

To: Ivy J Frye; Kristina Y Perry

Subject: Minnick

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 1:34 PM
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Subject: You have been designated as a delegate for Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 12:46 PM
To: network@etp1107.etp.na.blackberry.net
Subject: RIM_bca28a80-e9c0-11d1-87fe-00600811c6a2

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Attachments: ETP.DAT

ETP.DAT (111 B)

This message is used to carry data between the BlackBerry Handheld and an associated server. Please do not delete, move or respond to this message - it will be processed by the server.

BEGINETP 10

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ENDETP 1460135180